

STATE OF ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2008

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, November 17, 2008, in Room 200 of the Attorney General's Offices at 323 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Chairperson Sandra Taylor called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present:

Sandra Taylor

Betty Rhodes

Dr. Steven Domon

Kaylynn Barrett

Nancy Streit

Tealisa Allen

Mae Isom

Kelley Williams

Board Members Absent:

Melanie Sletten

Approval of Minutes:

Kaylynn Barrettmade a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2008 board meeting. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Complaint No. 2008-13:

Dr. Steven Domon reported that his findings into Complaint No. 2008-13 raised concerns that the spirit of the law had been violated. Tealisa Allen made a motion to send the social worker a letter. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2008-14:

Kaylynn Barrett reported that the investigation into Complaint No. 2008-14 would be continued.

Update on Complaint No. 2008-20:

Dr. Steven Domon reported that his investigation into Complaint No. 2008-20 revealed evidence to believe that a violation of the Social Work Licensing Law and/or Regulations may have occurred. Dr. Domon recommended a hearing to be held. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to hold a hearing. Betty Rhodes seconded the motions, which carried. The hearing was scheduled for January 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Update on Complaint No. 2008-22:

Kaylynn Barrett reported that the investigation into Complaint #2008-22 would be continued.

Social Work Licensing Board Review Date: December 8, 2008 Motion made by:

Board Chairman

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Nancy Streit reported she found no actionable violation of the Social Work Licensing Act or the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board. Betty Rhodes made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2009-04:

Kelley Williams reported she found no actionable violation of the Social Work Licensing Act or the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2009-05:

Sandra Taylor reported that the investigation into Complaint #2009-05 would be continued.

Update on Complaint No. 2009-06:

Kaylynn Barrett reported that the investigation into Complaint #2009-06 would be continued.

Update on Complaint No. 2009-07:

Melanie Sletten was absent therefore the investigation into Complaint #2009-07 will be continued.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tealisa Allen Volunteered to Investigate New Complaint No. 2009-08.

Nancy Streit Volunteered to Investigate New Complaint No. 2009-09.

Review Possible Changes to the Law:

Kaylynn Barrett updated the Board regarding the progress on possible changes to be made to the Law. Research is continuing.

Review Social Work Continuing Education Qualifications:

Board members are continuing to review Social Work Continuing Education Qualifications

Discuss Statement of Financial Interest Form and Stipend Payments:

The Executive Director passed out information to each Board member regarding the mandatory completion of the Statement of Financial Interest. Information was also presented regarding stipend payments, which have been approved.

Update From Fall ASWB Meeting and Update on New Board Member Training:

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Sandra Taylor, Chairman of the Board, and Ruthie Bain, Executive Director, updated the board on their recent trip to the Annual ASWB Fall Meeting. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to send the Executive Director to one of the New Board Member Trainings in 2009. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Certificate of Registration Application:

The Board reviewed one Certificate of Registration Application. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve the application for CR-0012. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Refund Report:

No refunds have been issued since the last Board meeting.

Board Approved Waiver Request No. 52:

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to grant the social worker's request since she met the requirements for a waiver according to A.C.A. 17-103-307(h). Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Alicia Ann Hunter

Vinie Larry Reed

Saundra Durnell Lockett

Vanessa S. Russell

Nakeisha R. Willingham

Approved to take the Exam:

Denise Lemming Morris

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Kristin Dana Beightol

Anne E. Landseidel

Tamiria S. Sims

Camit Lynn Tiska Caton

Approved to take the Exam:

Joseph Raleigh Meazle

Audrey Denise Veasey

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Stephany L. Robinson

Andrea Taylor

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Approved to take Examination:

Melissa R. Beans Teresa R. Courter Latalia S. Prather Belinda Burnett Price Rebecca Patrice Wilkerson Julie Pillow Wilson

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

D. Anita Allen Jennifer Jiu DeVall Janet M. Nelson

Nancy Streit seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 75 applications for license renewal. Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve 69 of the applications. Six of the renewal applications were tabled pending clarification or additional continuing education hours. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed nine continuing education audits. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve all nine of the audits. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Certificate of Registration Renewals:

The Board reviewed three Certification of Registration Renewal Applications. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve all three renewal applications. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

Betty Rhodes made the motion to adjourn. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.